

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael Helmus Art Unit: 3773  
Serial No.: 10/075,970 Examiner: Tyson, Melanie Ruano  
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Title: BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL  
DEVICES WITH CONTROLLED CHANGE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES  
LEADING TO BIOMECHANICAL COMPATIBILITY

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Final Office  
Action mailed July 1, 2009, having a date for response of October 1, 2009. This  
Amendment and Response is timely filed.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any  
overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047  
and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendments and Remarks.

The **Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6.